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A JOINT MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, THE HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT, THE UNIVERSITY OF NEW MEXICO AND OTHERS TO COOPERATE WITH A FEDERALLY QUALIFIED HEALTH CENTER IN SOUTHWESTERN NEW MEXICO TO DESIGN AND IDENTIFY FUNDING FOR A CLINIC-BASED MODEL OF HEALTH CARE DELIVERY AND REIMBURSEMENT.

WHEREAS, more than one in four New Mexicans receives health insurance through medicaid; and

WHEREAS, an estimated twenty-three percent of New Mexicans lack health insurance coverage, ranking New Mexico forty-ninth in the nation for the rate of those insured; and

WHEREAS, New Mexico continues to face serious health care professional shortages, especially in rural areas, and residents of Hidalgo county in southwestern New Mexico have only one source of health care providers, which is a federally

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1 qualified health center located in Lordsburg; and

2 WHEREAS, health reform at the federal level is focused on
3 extending insurance coverage to many more Americans, but does
4 not address major health care system or reimbursement reform;
5 and

6 WHEREAS, the human services department, in recognition of
7 a growing gap between available state revenues and medicaid
8 operating costs, is contemplating dramatic restructuring of the
9 medicaid program; and

10 WHEREAS, the human services department's concept for
11 restructuring of the medicaid program does not anticipate
12 discontinuing a reliance on managed care and managed care
13 companies; and

14 WHEREAS, other methods of financing medicaid can be
15 contemplated that simultaneously address system reform,
16 including provider accountability, and improved outcomes of
17 care; and

18 WHEREAS, an effective and efficient system of health care
19 delivery should address all elements of prevention, diagnosis,
20 treatment and management of disease; and

21 WHEREAS, models of health care delivery currently exist in
22 New Mexico that are based on these principles of prevention,
23 diagnosis, treatment and management of disease; however,
24 reimbursement for health care services does not adequately
25 compensate providers for addressing all these necessary

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1 components of health care; and

2 WHEREAS, at a time when the system of financing and
3 providing health care services, particularly through the
4 medicaid program, is in transition, opportunities have emerged
5 to test alternative methods of financing and delivering such
6 health care services, and these alternative methods should be
7 tested;

8 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE
9 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the department of health, the human
10 services department, the university of New Mexico and others be
11 requested to cooperate with a federally qualified health center
12 in southwestern New Mexico to design and identify funding for a
13 clinic-based model of health care delivery and reimbursement;
14 and

15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the clinic-based model
16 establish provider incentives and risks for the delivery of
17 health care services in a health commons clinic setting with
18 the goal of improving outcomes of care; and

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the design of the clinic-based
20 model include the entire population of Hidalgo county,
21 regardless of individual sources of insurance coverage and
22 reimbursement; and

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the clinic-based model be
24 designed to promote clear accountability at the provider and
25 clinic level to improve quality and control costs of health

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1 care services; and

2 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the resulting clinic-based
3 model be presented to the interim legislative health and human
4 services committee at its November 2010 meeting; and

5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
6 transmitted to the secretary of health, the secretary of human
7 services, the health sciences center of the university of New
8 Mexico and the executive director of the Hidalgo medical
9 services located in southwestern New Mexico.

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